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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. M.S.A. Sec. 260.851 to 260.855 (1987 Minn. Statutes).

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Operating unlicensed facility, violation of placement provisions - M.S.A. Sec. 245A.03 considered a misdemeanor.

Age of Majority. 18 years. M.S.A. Secs. 245A.02, 259.21, 260.015.

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Court: dependent, neglect, abused, delinquent children, adoptions, termination of parental rights. M.S.A. Secs. 260.111, 260.131, Sec. 260.221 Sec. 259.23.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Reports. Required at discretion of agency or court.

Licensing requirements. Child-placing agencies and placement facilities must be licensed. M.S.A. Sec. 245A.01-245A.16.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Divorce Custody Cases. Divorce custody investigation requests may be sent directly to the county. However, a copy of the court order requesting the investigation must be submitted with the request.

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## PLACEMENTS

Adoptive Placements. Birth parents may consent to the adoption of their child by a specific adoptive parent. In these situations, the Adoptive parent must obtain a pre adoptive custody court order prior to the child's placement. The placement must be supervised by a licensed adoption agency. All other adoptive placements must be conducted under the auspices of a licensed adoption agency. However, neither adoption studies nor a pre adoptive custody court order are required when parents arrange adoptive placement with relatives (a relative by blood or marriage is defined as a spouse, a parent, a stepbrother, a stepsister, a niece, a nephew, and adoptive parent, a grandparent, a sibling, an aunt, an uncle).

Adoption Petition. Petitioner's residence requirement is one year; but the court may reduce to 30 days (M.S.A. Sec. 259.22); the court may waive residence requirements if the petitioner is a relative as defined in (M.S.A. 245A.02 (13) or is a member of a child's extended family or important friends with whom the child has resided. Unless waived by the court a child must have lived in a prospective adoptive home for a minimum of 3 months prior to a hearing to grant the petition (M.S.A. 259.53, subd. 4). Adoption assistance for eligible families begins at finalization of the adoption.

### Residential Placements.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Approval required on all placements by agencies and all parent placements into private group homes, non relative placements and treatment institutions.
- Requirements for Placements ICPC-100A, Child Summary, Court Order, Medical Plan, and signature of authority financially responsible.
- Approval of Facilities: State Department of Human Services licenses facilities.
- Rate Setting: Facilities set their own rates.
- Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with sending agency, facility, or parent.
- Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: ICPC procedures should be followed.

Foster Care Placements. M.S.A. requires all non-parent placements to be licensed for foster care. Relatives without custody are not eligible to receive TANF. If the placement is approved and occurs, we will expect that the local agency make foster care payments to the family.

## PAYMENTS

Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP) Payments. The state guideline requires that a relative caretaker of a child entering Minnesota under a court order from another state is ineligible.

Medicaid Payments. Eligibility for Medical Assistance for non resident children placed into Minnesota is determined by the child's Title IV-E eligibility.

Foster Care Payments. Foster care payments are negotiable.

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Special Education Payments. Optional in each school district. Generally the home school district is billed.

## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Child Abuse Hotline. No Child Abuse Hotline. MN DHS contact person is John Langworthy, (651) 296-8337. Each county has its own 24-hour phone number.

Juvenile Compact Office. Telephone: (651) 642-0311.

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone: (651) 296-6918.

ICAMA Office. Telephone (651) 296-3636.